

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in this application.

Listing of Claims:

1) – 3) (CANCELED)

4) (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A device ~~according to claim 1~~ useful for retrofitting rifles with a scope mounting means which comprises:

a) a central portion shaped substantially in the form of a rectangular solid, having a top surface, a bottom surface, a right side surface, a left side surface, a front end portion, a rear end portion, and a longest length dimension;

b) a right wing portion attached to said right side surface of said central portion and extending below said bottom surface of said central portion, wherein said right wing portion comprises at least one threaded hole disposed therethrough;

c) a left wing portion attached to said left side surface of said central portion and extending below said bottom surface of said central portion, wherein said left wing portion comprises at least one threaded hole disposed therethrough;

wherein said central portion includes a first scope mount receiving hole and a second scope mount receiving hole disposed through its top surface which extend through said bottom surface, which scope mount receiving holes are adapted to receive pins of a scope mount, and wherein said front end portion of said central portion further includes a roll pin receiver hole disposed

through said right side surface which extends through to said left side surface,

wherein said central portion further includes a left front scope mount lock bore and a left rear scope mount lock bore disposed through said left side surface, each having a centerline perpendicular, respectively, to said first and said second scope mount receiving holes disposed through said central portion, and wherein said left front scope mount lock bore and left rear scope mount lock bore through said left side surface each intersect with said scope mount receiving holes disposed through said top surface of said central portion.

5) (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A device ~~according to claim 1~~ useful for retrofitting rifles with a scope mounting means which comprises:

a) a central portion shaped substantially in the form of a rectangular solid, having a top surface, a bottom surface, a right side surface, a left side surface, a front end portion, a rear end portion, and a longest length dimension;

b) a right wing portion attached to said right side surface of said central portion and extending below said bottom surface of said central portion, wherein said right wing portion comprises at least one threaded hole disposed therethrough;

c) a left wing portion attached to said left side surface of said central portion and extending below said bottom surface of said central portion, wherein said left wing portion comprises at least one threaded hole disposed therethrough;

wherein said central portion includes a first scope mount receiving hole and a second scope mount receiving hole disposed through its top surface which extend through said bottom surface, which scope mount receiving holes are adapted to receive pins of a scope mount, and wherein

said front end portion of said central portion further includes a roll pin receiver hole disposed through said right side surface which extends through to said left side surface,

wherein said central portion further includes a right front scope mount lock bore and a right rear scope mount lock bore disposed through said right side surface, each having a centerline perpendicular, respectively, to said first and said second scope mount receiving holes disposed through said central portion, and wherein said right front scope mount lock bore and right rear scope mount lock bore through said right side surface each intersect with said scope mount receiving holes disposed through said top surface of said central portion.

6) (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A device ~~according to claim 4~~ useful for retrofitting rifles with a scope mounting means which comprises:

a) a central portion shaped substantially in the form of a rectangular solid, having a top surface, a bottom surface, a right side surface, a left side surface, a front end portion, a rear end portion, and a longest length dimension;

b) a right wing portion attached to said right side surface of said central portion and extending below said bottom surface of said central portion, wherein said right wing portion comprises at least one threaded hole disposed therethrough;

c) a left wing portion attached to said left side surface of said central portion and extending below said bottom surface of said central portion, wherein said left wing portion comprises at least one threaded hole disposed therethrough;

wherein said central portion includes a first scope mount receiving hole and a second scope mount receiving hole disposed through its top surface which extend through said bottom surface,

which scope mount receiving holes are adapted to receive pins of a scope mount, and wherein
said front end portion of said central portion further includes a roll pin receiver hole disposed
through said right side surface which extends through to said left side surface,
wherein said central portion further includes a left front scope mount lock bore and a left rear
scope mount lock bore disposed through said left side surface, each having a centerline
perpendicular, respectively, to said first and said second scope mount receiving holes disposed
through said central portion, and wherein said left front scope mount lock bore and left rear scope
mount lock bore through said left side surface each intersect with said scope mount receiving
holes disposed through said top surface of said central portion, and wherein said central portion
further includes a right front scope mount lock bore and a right rear scope mount lock bore
disposed through said right side surface, each having a centerline perpendicular, respectively, to
said first and said second scope mount receiving holes disposed through said central portion, and
wherein said right front scope mount lock bore and right rear scope mount lock bore through said
right side surface each intersect with said scope mount receiving holes disposed through said top
surface of said central portion.

7) – 17) (CANCELED)